

Western University
Department of Computer Science

Computer Science 1032B Section 001, Information Systems and Design
Course Outline -- Winter Studies 2025

Course Description

Computer Science 1032 is an introduction to information systems and the roles played by these systems in business.

This course satisfies the Information Technology requirement for a Certified Accountant, a Certified General Accountant or a Certified Management Accountant accreditation. The content of the course has been approved by *The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario*, *The Certified General Accountants of Ontario* and *The Society of Management Accountants of Ontario*. The materials used in this course for the introduction to Microsoft applications software have been approved by Microsoft for use in the preparation for the *Microsoft Office Specialist Certification* exams.

Prerequisites

No prerequisites are required for this course.

Antirequisites

Management and Organizational Studies 1033A/B.

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Appointment Link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/my/iqrabatool>

Required Course Material:

Experiencing MIS, Fifth (5th) Canadian Edition, with MyLab MIS
D. Kroneke, R. J. Boyle, A. Gemino, P. Tingling (2019)

eText and MyLab MIS key available online via the UWO bookstore:

https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2023B&courses%5B0%5D=650_UW/CSC1032B

or directly from Pearson:

<http://www.pearsonmylab.com/>

When registering with MyLab MIS, use the following course code and ensure you sign up with your Western e-mail ending in @uwo.ca.

Course Code: batool39094

You can also use the link: <https://mlm.pearson.com/enrollment/batool39094>

Technology Requirements:

To successfully complete this course, all students **must** have access to a personal computer that meets or exceeds the following requirements:

Operating System: Windows 11, Windows 10, Windows 8.1, Windows 8, or Windows 7 SP1

Minimum Memory (RAM): 2GB

Minimum Free Disk Space (Hard Disk Size): 6GB

Minimum Monitor Resolution: 1280 x 800

Minimum Processor (CPU): Dual-core 2 GHZ or faster

Browser: Chrome 63 or newer, Firefox 70 or newer, or IE 11

Browser Plug-Ins: Javascript Enabled & Third-Party Cookies Enabled

Internet Connection: Reliable high-speed internet connection (*0.5+ Mbps*)

**** IMPORTANT ** MS Access does NOT run on an Apple computer !
Other arrangements must be made in advance.**

Software Requirements:

The following software will be used in this course. [Microsoft Office is provided for free to most students enrolled at Western](#), all other software listed is available for free. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the following software is compatible with, installed and working on their home computer.

Microsoft Office 365:

- Excel
- Word
- Access (**Windows only!!**)

Internet Browser:

- [Firefox 70 or newer](#)
- **OR** [Chrome 63 or newer](#)
- **OR** IE 11 (*not recommended for MyLab MIS*)

Plain Text Editor:

- [Notepad++](#) (*Windows only*)
- **OR** [Brackets](#)

E-R Diagram Tool:

- [Dia Diagram Editor](#)

By taking this course, you are declaring that you meet all technology and software requirements, including access to a reliable internet connection, and a Windows PC

Course Topics:

- Communications and Network Technology
 - Internet, WWW
 - Markup Languages: HTML, XML
 - Networks: LAN, WAN, VPN
- Database Systems
 - Relational database concepts
 - Database design: Entity Relationship Diagrams
 - Query languages: SQL
 - Creating and using databases: Access
- Information Systems
 - Enterprise Resource Planning systems
 - Reliability, availability, maintainability and integrity
 - Security
 - Systems Development Life Cycle
- Spreadsheet applications
 - Designing and using spreadsheets: Excel

Course Web Page:

The course website is located within OWL Brightspace. To access the website, navigate to <https://westernu.brightspace.com/d2l/login> and login with your Western University personal computer account (user id and password). New lecture & tutorial videos, assigned readings, notes, assignments and class information will be posted to this site each week. You are responsible for checking the course site regularly.

This course materials will be available on OWL Brightspace. New material will be posted each week including lectures, tutorials, and slides. These can be found in the Course Content tab in the OWL course site. Students are expected to complete all weekly tasks including assigned readings and exercises in the week they are assigned and well in advance of any other stated deadlines.

Instructor Office Hours:

Your instructor will hold one-on-one weekly office hours via Zoom to address any questions regarding course content, assignments, or concerns you may have about the course. Office hours must be booked at least 24 hours in advance via this link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/my/iqrabatool>

Teaching Assistant Consulting:

Teaching assistants will hold weekly drop-in group consulting and question/answer periods online. These sessions will be held over Zoom and the dates and times for each will be listed on the OWL course site (on the TA Consulting tab). The number of TA consulting sessions offered and the scheduling of each will depend on the number of teaching assistants assigned to the course and will be announced on the OWL course site once available.

Questions regarding assignments or lecture materials can be directed to a teaching assistant (by e-mail or during a group consulting session). Questions requiring further information can be dealt with by contacting the course instructor.

A list of teaching assistants and their contact information will be posted to OWL Brightspace once available.

Time zone and Scheduling of Course Components:

All times listed in this document and on the OWL Brightspace course site are assumed to be in Eastern Time (the local time of the Western University campus) unless otherwise stated. Assignment due dates will be scheduled for the Eastern Time Zone.

Student Evaluation:

Element	Weight
6 Assignments	40%
3 Online Quizzes	10%
Class and Homework Participation	10%
Final Exam	40%

To be eligible to obtain a passing mark in the course, your final exam grade **must** be 45% or higher. A maximum grade of 44% will be given if you do not satisfy this requirement.

Assignments:

Students are expected to view the course materials and complete the assigned homework to prepare for the assignments. Once the assignment is completed, all parts of the assignment must be submitted on the OWL Brightspace site. It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that all parts of each assignment are correctly uploaded and submitted in OWL Brightspace, to ensure that the assignment can be marked accordingly.

Note: Assignments emailed to the instructor or teaching assistant **will not be** accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances and with prior approval from the instructor.

The following is the **tentative** assignment schedule (*subject to change, see OWL assignments tab for official due dates*):

Assignment	Weight	Tentative Topic	Posted on OWL	Due Date (by 11:55PM)
1	2%	Situational Setup	Jan. 9 th	Jan. 14 th
2	7%	Excel	Jan. 14 th	Jan. 29 th
3	7%	Database Design (ERDs)	Jan. 29 th	Feb. 13 th
4	8%	Microsoft Access	Feb. 12 th	Mar. 4 th
5	8%	XML Documents	Mar. 4 th	Mar. 21 st
6	8%	Queries and SQL	Mar. 18 th	Apr. 3 rd

The due dates of the assignments are shown in the table above. Please note that these dates are **tentative**. The due dates will be confirmed when the assignments are posted on OWL. The date shown in the OWL assignments tab is the official due date.

Where possible, the instructions for each assignment will be posted on the date listed in the above table and at least 1 week in advance of the due date. If for any reason the assignment schedule given above cannot be adhered to, the assignment marks will be prorated. The five assignments are worth 39.5% of the overall mark for the course. If an assignment must be cancelled for any reason, the remaining assignment weights will be prorated to add up to 39.5%.

Assignment Marking:

- Assignments will be marked by a TA within 2 weeks of the assignment due date **where possible** (weeks with holidays may take additional time, as will assignments submitted in the last two weeks of the course). Assignments submitted late with approved extensions may take longer to mark depending on the length and nature of the extension.
- Individual marks, comments, and a detailed marking scheme will be posted on the OWL site once marks are returned.
- Questions regarding the marking of assignments should **first be directed to the teaching assistant** that graded your assignment and only to the course instructor if your discussion with the teaching assistant was not satisfactory.
- Requests for mark adjustments will only be considered if they are made within **1 week** of receiving the assignment mark back.
- Mark adjustments will only be made for errors in grading. Students must clearly specify the error they believe the TA made when requesting an adjustment.
- If your discussion with the teaching assistant was not satisfactory and you appeal your grade to the course instructor, they may choose to regrade all parts of the assignment to ensure your assignment grade is accurate. This may raise or lower your overall assignment grade.

Late Policy for Assignments:

- **It is expected that students budget enough time to properly submit their assignments** via OWL and allow for any unforeseen technological issues. **Students are expected to regularly backup their assignments and submit well before any deadline.**
- Students are expected to check the files they submit to OWL to ensure they uploaded a correct and working file. **No extensions will be given for submitting the wrong file or corrupted file.**
- Each student will be given **four** "late coupons" in total for the semester that may be used to submit an assignment one day late per coupon (up to a **maximum of 3 days late per assignment**).
- Late coupons will be applied automatically when an assignment is submitted late, and an **estimate** will be shown in the OWL gradebook. This tracking in the gradebook is an **estimate and not updated in real time**. It is the student's responsibility to track their current late coupons and ensure the estimate in the gradebook is correct.
- If a student has no late coupons remaining **or** submits an assignment more than 3 days late, a zero grade will be given for the assignment (no partial late marks will be given).
- Late coupons must be used before special circumstances are considered.
- **After all late coupons are used, no extensions will be given for assignments** except for in the event of serious medical or compassionate grounds. A student must follow the procedure for Academic Accommodation for Medical Illness as given in this document. If an academic accommodation is approved and the assignment is more than 3 days late, the weight of the assignment will be placed on the final exam. No extension will be allowed beyond 3 days past the assignment due date.
- **Late coupons can only be used on assignments.**

Backup Requirement:

- **You are required to frequently backup your work on all assignments in this course.**
- Backups should use a remote backup solution such as One Drive to ensure files are not lost if your computer is damaged/stolen/etc.
- No extension or accommodation will be given for lost or corrupted files.

MyLab Homework:

Each week homework will be assigned from the MyLab component of your textbook. This homework is optional but highly recommended for studying purposes and may contribute to your participation points (see the section

on participation). Many quiz and exam questions will be based around this homework and failing to complete it will put you at a significant disadvantage.

Participation:

Participation will be tracked using “participation points” that are awarded for different activities that demonstrate engagement and participation in the course, aiding other students, completing lecture activities/responses, or completing certain MyLab Homework with a minimum grade.

The following are examples of activities that award participation points (other opportunities may be added at the instructor’s discretion):

Activity	Participation Points	Description
Attending lectures or activities.	0 to 200 <i>(value of the activity will be stated when the activity is posted)</i>	Lecture may include a section that asks you to complete a small poll, quiz, short written response, or other activity. Completing these (even if your answer is incorrect) will award points. Fewer points may be awarded if you do not follow the activities’ directions or do not put effort.
MyLab MIS Homework	0 to 50	Each week homework from your MyLab MIS eText book will be posted. Completing this homework with a grade of at least 75% will earn participation points. Warmup quizzes are worth 25 points, Access and Excel problems are worth 50 points. Note that only assigned MyLab MIS homework counts. MyLab MIS has a number of extra unassigned homework problems, quizzes, and studying aids that while important for studying purposes do not count for participation. Assigned homework will be announced each week on OWL on the current weeks page. For MyLab MIS participation to be counted you must use your @uwo.ca e-mail when you sign up for MyLab MIS and must use your real first/last names.

Participation points will be converted into percentage (out of 10%) to calculate your final participation mark using the following table:

Level	Grade (out of 10%)	Minimum Participation Points Required
0	0%	0
1	1%	250
2	2%	500
3	3%	750
4	4%	1000
5	5%	1250
6	6%	1500
7	7%	1750
8	8%	2000
9	9%	2250
10	10%	2500
11	10% + up to 2% bonus to final grade (depending on number of extra points past 2000), final grade can not be over 100%.	2750

No fraction of percentages will be granted for participation. You must make it to the next level to increase your participation grade. For example, 1050 points would still be a level 4, worth 4%.

Due to technical limitations, participation points will not be updated live, and it is your responsibility to estimate them if you wish to track your progress. A final official calculation will be done **after** April 8th and **all work that counts towards participation must be completed by April 4th at 11:55pm.**

Any attempt to circumvent, “cheat”, or game the participation system in a way that is clearly not intended could result in a loss of participation points. Inappropriate behaviour on the course may also lead to a reduction of participation points.

Online Quizzes:

Up to three quizzes will be given online via the OWL platform. The **tentative** quiz schedule is as follows (subject to change):

Quiz	Weight	Content Covered	Date Posted	Due Date (by 11:55PM)
1	$\frac{10}{3}\%$	CH1, KE4, CH2, CH3, Excel	Feb. 5 th	Feb. 9 th
2	$\frac{10}{3}\%$	CH5, CH4, KE7, ERDs, Access	Feb. 26 th	Mar. 1 st
3	$\frac{10}{3}\%$	CH6, CH7, CH8, CH9, XML/XSD	Mar. 25 th	Mar. 28 th

You may start a quiz at any time in the range given in the above table, however, you are expected to budget enough time to account for any technical or personal issues. As such it is expected that you start quizzes before the last day to take the quiz.

This course has **3** quizzes, and **all** quizzes are equally important and counted towards your final grade. Should extenuating circumstances arise, students do not need to request Academic Consideration for the first missed quiz. Academic consideration requests will be denied for the first missed quiz. **Academic Consideration requests may be granted when students miss more than 2 quizzes.**

Quizzes are open book but must be done individually and without the assistance of others. Using a language model or AI system to answer questions is not allowed, and not considered to be “open book” for this course. Sharing quiz questions/solutions, completing a quiz for or with another person or otherwise cheating on a quiz is an academic offence and will result in a 0% quiz grade for ALL quizzes at a minimum.

Quizzes will have a set time limit and must be completed in this time limit once started. The time limit may be different for each quiz based on its content and this time limit will be stated on OWL once the quiz is posted.

You may retake each quiz once. The highest grade will be recorded. Note that quiz questions are drawn from a large bank of questions and may be different on each attempt. If technological issues occur during your quiz, this will count as a first attempt, and considerations for special circumstances will only be given if technological issues **also** occur on the second attempt. It is your responsibility to properly document these issues and report them to the course instructor **immediately**. No consideration for technical issues will be given if they are undocumented or you do not report them within 12 hours of them occurring.

If less than three quizzes are given or a quiz must be cancelled for any reason, the weight of the cancelled quiz will be placed on the final exam.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be conducted in person and covers **all course material including assigned readings, tutorials, lectures, and material covered in assignments**. The exact date/time of the final exam will be announced once available. The **tentative** format of the exam will be questions including multiple choice, short answer, fill in the blank, and matching questions. If this format changes an announcement will be made.

Final Exam Policies

- **The final exam will be closed book.**
- You are permitted to have one **blank** page for notes, writing utensils, and a **clear** cup or bottle of water **with no writing on it**. No calculators or phones are allowed (as they will not be needed).
- The final exam is to be completed **individually**.
- If you miss the Final Exam, please get in touch with the **Academic Counselling office** of your Faculty of Registration as soon as possible. They will assess your writing eligibility and the Special Examination (the name the University gives to a **makeup Final Exam**). You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a "Multiple Exam Situation" (e.g., more than two exams in 23 hours, more than three exams in 47 hours).

Violation of any exam rule (mentioned above or on the exam itself), or cheating of any kind will result in a 0% grade for the final exam and the possibility of additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the course instructor, department or university including but not limited to a failing grade being entered for the course

Tentative Topics and Textbook Reading Schedule:

Listed dates are when readings will be assigned and should be completed within a week of the assigned date. Additional (not textbook based) readings and videos will be posted each week on OWL to supplement the readings.

Week #	Week of	Topics	Textbook Chapter & Readings
1	Jan. 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to CS1032• Introduction to Business• Why MIS	CH1: The Importance of MIS
2	Jan. 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excel	KE4: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016
3	Jan. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Processes & Decisions• Competitive Strategy	CH2: Business Processes and Decision Making CH3: Productivity, Innovation, and Strategy
4	Jan 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Databases• ER Diagrams	CH5: Database and Content Management KE6: Database Design ERD Slides
5	Feb. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hardware and Software	CH4: Hardware and Software
6	Feb. 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsoft Access	KE7: Using Microsoft Access 2016
Reading Week			
7	Feb. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitive Advantage• Cloud Computing	CH6: The Cloud KE9: Network and Cloud Technology CH7: Organizations and Information Systems
8	Mar. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• XML & XSD	XML & XSD Slides
9	Mar. 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision Making• eCommerce• Social Networking	CH8: Decision Making and Business Intelligence CH9: Social Networking, Ecommerce, and the Web

10	Mar. 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQL • Access Reports 	SQL Slides
11	Mar. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquiring IS • IS Management • Ethics & Governance 	CH10: Acquiring Information Systems CH11: Structure, Governance, and Ethics
12	Apr. 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security & Privacy • Review 	CH12: Managing Information Security and Privacy Review Slides
April 7 th to April 30 th		Final Exam Period: See official exam schedule for date and time	

Email Contact & Online Conduct:

Occasionally email messages may be sent to the entire class or to students individually. Emails will be sent to your UWO email address as assigned to you by Information Technology Services (ITS). **It is your responsibility to read your Western email on a frequent and regular basis as well as keep up to date with posts and new content on the OWL course site.**

You should note that email at the university and thru other providers have quotas or limits on the amount of space that is dedicated to each account. Unchecked email may accumulate beyond those limits, and you may be unable to retrieve important messages from the university. Losing email is not an acceptable excuse for not knowing about the information that was sent.

Email contact with the course instructor is encouraged, and I endeavour to reply to messages within 2 business days (non-holiday Mondays to Fridays). Questions that are specific to you (e.g. accommodations, extension requests, etc.) or your assignment's content should be sent to the course instructor.

NOTE: Email messages must be sent from your university account and **MUST** include: "CS1032" in the subject line. Email messages without CS1032 in the subject line may automatically be trapped and deleted by the instructor's SPAM filter and **will NOT be available, read or responded to.**

NOTE: Do **NOT** use 'Respond To' from any email or announcement message from OWL. You **MUST** type in the instructor's email in the destination. Please check the destination before sending an email to ensure it is addressed to the instructor and **NOT** to: **postmaster@owl.uwo.ca**

[**this is very important** – please make sure you understand and follow the standards above.]

NOTE: Please also include a title or topic description of the contents of the email in the subject line and when possible, send e-mails from your @uwo.ca e-mail account. The instructor will be unable to respond to questions about your personal grades, assignment, etc. if they are not sent via a known @uwo.ca e-mail account for security and privacy reasons.

Accommodation and Accessibility

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities policy can be found at:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Accommodation_disabilities.pdf

Academic Consideration for Student Absence

For Items Worth Less Than 10%

- **Assignments:** For assignments you are expected to use the late coupon system for any minor absences. It is your responsibility to manage your late coupons to ensure you have enough remained for any unforeseen circumstances and not use them unnecessarily. You will be expected to use all your late coupons before any special considerations are given.
- If insufficient late coupons remain or your absence would last longer than 3 days past the due date, **you are required to submit documentation** in support of your absence to academic counseling of your home faculty. This documentation must cover the correct range of time **before** the assignment due date. **Note that instructors, are unable to view medical documentation, as such it must be sent to academic counseling.**
- **Quizzes:** For quizzes you are expected to complete the quiz early and not wait until the last day the quiz is open to complete the quiz. This should allow for any minor unforeseen absences. Should extenuating circumstances arise, students do not need to request Academic Consideration for the first missed quiz. Academic consideration requests will be denied for the first missed quiz. **Academic Consideration requests may be granted when students miss more than 2 quizzes, quizzes will be reweighted to the final exam.**
- As you are allowed to resubmit each quiz once, **technical difficulties will only be considered if they occur on both attempts of the quiz.** Technical difficulties must have had a significant impact on both attempts, be documented by the student, out of the control of the student taking the quiz and reported to the course instructor immediately to be eligible for accommodation. No consideration will be given if technical issues are reported more than 12 hours after the quiz or no documentation of the technical issue was produced (this is the student's responsibility).
- The accommodation for an approved quiz absence, is moving the weight of the quiz to the final exam.
- **Participation:** Students are expected to complete the assigned participation activities and MyLab MIS homework each week. To allow for unforeseen occurrences, illnesses, and to enable students to study at their own pace, this work will be accepted until April 5th even for past weeks, although the expectation is that you complete the work in the week it is assigned.
- **No accommodation will be given for missing the April 4th participation deadline** as students had the full term to earn participation points. It is the student's responsibility to complete participation activities each week in a timely fashion. If you leave one or more participation activities till the end of the course, you are accepting the risk of any unforeseen occurrence impacting your ability to meet the April 4th deadline.
- **Medical Documentation:** For all cases, you are required to submit your documentation as soon as you can do so.
- For medical documentation you are required to submit a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical practitioner to academic counselling. **Your professor cannot receive any medical documentation, this must be sent to and approved by academic counseling for your home faculty.**
- For all cases where a consideration request is submitted to academic counseling you must follow up with the course instructor via e-mail within 24 hours of the end of the period covered or sooner. If you fail to do this, no accommodation will be granted.

For Items Worth More Than or Equal to 10%

For work totalling 10% or more of the final course grade, you must provide valid medical or supporting documentation to the Academic Counselling Office of your Faculty of Registration as soon as possible. For further information, please consult the University's medical illness policy at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration.pdf

The Student Medical Certificate is available at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Note that in all cases, students are required to contact their instructor via e-mail within 24 hours of the end of the period covered or sooner.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. **All documentation required for absences must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.**

Religious Accommodation

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar:

<https://multiculturalcalendar.com/ecal/index.php?s=c-univwo>

You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a "Multiple Exam Situation" (see http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/exam_schedule.html).

Absences from Final Examinations

If you miss the Final Exam, please contact the Academic Counselling office of your Faculty of Registration as soon as you can do so. They will assess your eligibility to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam).

You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a "Multiple Exam Situation" (e.g., more than 2 exams in 23-hour period, more than 3 exams in a 47-hour period).

If a student fails to write a scheduled Special Examination, the date of the next Special Examination (if granted) normally will be the scheduled date for the final exam the next time this course is offered. The maximum course load for that term will be reduced by the credit of the course(s) for which the final examination has been deferred. See the Academic Calendar for details (under Special Examinations).

Support Services:

Please visit the Science & Basic Medical Sciences Academic Counselling webpage for information on add/drop courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic related matters: <https://www.uwo.ca/sci/counselling/>

Please contact the course instructor if you require lecture or printed material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at (519) 661-2147 if you have any questions regarding accommodations.

Western University is committed to a thriving campus as we deliver our courses in the mixed model of both virtual and face-to-face formats. We encourage you to check out the Digital Student Experience website to manage your academics and well-being: <https://www.uwo.ca/se/digital/>.

Learning-skills counsellors at the Student Development Centre (<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca>) are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <http://westernusc.ca/services>.

Ethical Conduct:

Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Plagiarism

All required assignments, quizzes and exams may be subject to submission for textual and metadata similarity review to plagiarism detection software. All assignments, quizzes and exams submitted for such checking may be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of such services are subject to the licensing agreement with The University of Western Ontario. These services and software may include but are not limited to Turnitin (<http://www.turnitin.com>), MOSS, SCANEX, and custom plagiarism detection software developed for the course.

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All assignments are individual assignments. You may discuss approaches to problems among yourselves; however, the actual details of the work (assignment coding, answers to concept questions, etc.) must be an individual effort. All assignments will be subject to both content and metadata plagiarism analysis.

All quizzes and the final exam are to be written individually, the content and questions not shared and provided rules followed.

Tutors and Outside ‘Help’ on assignments

Students may receive the help of a tutor on assignments, so long as the tutor only identifies errors or demonstrates sample problems that are **not** part of the assignment. If the content of your assignment is significantly different than if you had not received help, then this is an indication you may have crossed the line into cheating. Again, if you are unsure about how much help is too much, ask your instructor.

The role of tutoring is to help students understand course material. Tutors should not write any part or all of an assignment for the students who hire them. Tutors should not 'advise' or 'suggest' what is to be entered into an assignment or the solutions to any portion of the assignments. Any aid beyond what you would have received directly from the instructor will be considered an academic offense. Having employed the same tutor as another student is not a legitimate defense against an accusation of collusion, should two students' hand in assignments judged similar beyond the possibility of coincidence.

Academic dishonesty in assignments includes (but is not limited to):

- Unacceptable collaboration (all assignments and quizzes are individual work).
- What is unacceptable? There is a difference between discussing assignments and solutions with fellow students and working together on the solutions to the point where the work submitted is clearly not individual work. If in doubt, ask your instructor.
- **Copying** of another student's assignment.
- Using another student's Western, Pearson, accounts for any reason.
- Using a language model or other tool to generate solutions for you in any way or amount. This includes tools such as ChatGPT.
- **Allowing** another student to copy your work ← *this is an **Academic Offense** for both students.*
- Sharing your assignment with another student electronically or otherwise ← *this an **Academic Offense** for both students.*
- Using another student's assignment or work as a "template" or "starting point" for your own work. ← *this an **Academic Offense** for both students*
- Using sites dedicated to sharing assignment solutions or aiding cheating, including but not limited to Course Hero, OneClass, and Chegg.
- Using code or work from an external source (text, instructor, course website, generative AI, etc.) where a student's own code/work is expected (**if in doubt, ask your instructor**)

Academic dishonesty in quizzes and exams includes (but is not limited to):

- Writing a quiz/exam with the aid of another person ← *this an **Academic Offense** for both students.*
- Sharing quiz/exam questions/answers or using ones sent to/obtained by you.
- Having another person write a quiz/exam for you.
- Failing to follow the specific rules given in the quiz/exam.

- Having any unapproved electronic device or notes out during the final exam.
- Using a language model or other tool to answer quiz questions. This includes tools such as ChatGPT.
- Sharing you screen or virtually taking a quiz/exam with others (e.g. being in an online chat of any kind while taking a quiz/exam).

Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to):

- Using others work without properly citing it. All sources used must be cited if you did not directly copy text or images from this source.
- Claiming others work as your own.
- Using a language model or other tools to generate posts for you. This includes tools such as ChatGPT.
- Making posts for another student.

The penalty for academic dishonesty in any course component is receiving 0% for that component **AND** the possibility of additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the course instructor, department or university including but not limited to an additional penalty equal to the course component, or a failing overall grade being entered for the course. Note that receiving 0% on the final exam, will make you ineligible for a passing grade in this course. This requirement will not be waved if the 0% is due to an academic offence.

You are responsible for reading and respecting the Computer Science Department's policy on:
Scholastic Offences:

https://www.csd.uwo.ca/undergraduate/current/policies/scholastic_offenses.html

and Rules of Ethical Conduct:

https://www.csd.uwo.ca/undergraduate/current/policies/ethical_conduct.html